

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6528–6554; 1 private bill, H.R. 6555; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 390–392; and H. Res. 1352–1357 were introduced. **Pages H6725–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6727–28**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–762). **Page H6725**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6677**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Stuart L. Berman, Police-Clergy Liaison, New York City Police Department.

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Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed by voice vote to the Roskam motion to instruct conferees on S. 2062, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act. **Pages H6681–88**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Frank (MA), Waters, Watt, Al Green (TX), Cleaver, Bachus, Capito, and Pearce.

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Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1350, to provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 510, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 509. **Pages H6688–97**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands Act of 2008: H.R. 6516, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious environmentally responsible program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 511. **Pages H6697–H6710**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the time for general debate on H.R. 6515 be expanded to 60 minutes. **Pages H6697–98**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 23rd. **Page H6711**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21st; and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22nd for morning hour debate. **Page H6711**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6677.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6695–96, H6696–97, H6709–10. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on nuclear weapons complex modernization. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

URBAN EDUCATION REFORM

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Mayor and Superintendent Partnerships in Education: Closing the Achievement Gap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the City of New York; Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg; and Joel I. Klein, Chancellor, Public Schools of New York City; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Mayor Adrian M. Fenty; and Chancellor Michelle Rhee, DC Public Schools; Arne Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; and Beverly L. Hall, Superintendent, Public Schools, Atlanta, Georgia.

IMPROVED BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Benefits of Improved Building Energy Efficiency." Testimony was heard from David Rodgers, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Principal

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Brad Heavner, Director, Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

BROADBAND PROVIDERS AND CONSUMER PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "What Your Broadband Provider Knows About Your Web Use: Deep Packet Inspection and Communications Laws and Policies." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GAO REPORT—LENDER RACE-GENDER DATA COLLECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "GAO Report on Regulation B: Should Lenders Be Required to Collect Race and Gender Data of Borrowers for All Loans." Testimony was heard from Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

AIDING AMERICAN BUSINESSES ABROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors. Testimony was heard from Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; David D. Nelson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs; and public witnesses.

VENEZUELA: LOOKING AHEAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Venezuela: Looking Ahead. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATION INTERROGATION RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay:

Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rule, Part V. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Justice: John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General; and Walter Dellinger, former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Domenech, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Jeffrey Farrow, former Co-Chair of the White House Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

HEALTH INSURANCE TERMINATIONS; PAT TILLMAN/JESSICA LYNCH REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Business Practices in the Individual Health Insurance Market: Terminations of Coverage. Testimony was heard from Abby Block, Director, Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved a Committee Report entitled "Misleading Information from the Battlefield: The Tillman and Lynch Episodes."

SBA'S CONTRACTING PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Small Business Administration's Contracting Programs and Recent GAO Examination of Programs. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Acting Administrator, SBA; and from the following officials of the GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

MODERN MEASURE OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Establishing a Modern Poverty Measure. Testimony was heard from Mark Levitan, Director, Poverty Research, Center for Economic Opportunity, New York City; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to